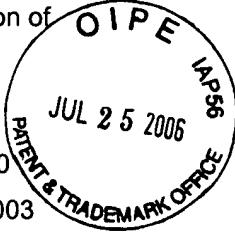


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In re Patent Application of



GOBLE, Colin

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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	13	minus highest number			
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment	4	minus highest number			
previously paid for	4	(at least 3) =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$ 0.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add

\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add

\$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$

Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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\$180.00 (1806) \$

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Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 11-18 are pending in the application. Claims 6-10 have been withdrawn from consideration. No claims pending in the application will be amended by this Response.

In the outstanding Office Action of April 25, 2006, the Examiner rejected, as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), (1) claims 1, 5, and 18 over U.S. Patent No. 5,400,267 to Denen *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,306,131 to Hareyama *et al.*, (2) claims 2 – 4, and 17 over Denen *et al.* in view of Hareyama *et al.*, and further in view of Klett *et al.* (German Patent Application No. 4339049), (3) claims 11 and 14 over Denen *et al.* in view of Hareyama *et al.*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,269,780 to Roos, and (4) claims 12, 13, 15, and 16 over Denen *et al.* in view of Hareyama *et al.*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,808,525 to Latterell *et al.* The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.